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ABSTRACT

Fiber Bragg grating (FBG) is finding increasing usage in aerospace guidance, marine structures and civil engineering applications. This is due to their lightweight, non-obtrusive, immunity to electromagnetic interference, high bandwidth and sensitivity, and solid-state properties. Analysis of case studies is carried out to study the applications of Fiber Bragg grating sensors in civil engineering structures. In this research, a fiber Bragg grating sensing system for strain measurement is being described. Low cost and simple grating-based FBG has been used to produce the strain and induce Bragg wavelength shifts. A brief experimental testing on an instrumented metal plate showed that the proposed system is able to perform strain measurements with linear response. A general guideline is proposed on the fabrication and installation of fiber Bragg gratings for structural monitoring in local conditions.

ABSTRAK

Gentian optik parutan *Bragg* semakin banyak digunakan dalam bidang aerospace, struktur marine dan juga bidang kejuruteraan awam. Ini adalah disebabkan oleh ciri gentian optik yang ringan, kurang kelihatan, terjamin selamat daripada gangguan elektromagnet dan mempunyai sensitiviti yang tinggi. Analisa ke atas beberapa kes telah dijalankan untuk menyelidik aplikasi gentian optik parutan *Bragg* dalam struktur kejuruteraan awam. Dalam penyelidikan ini, sistem pengesan gentian optik parutan *Bragg* untuk mengukur terikan telah digambarkan. Gentian optik *Bragg* harga rendah telah digunakan untuk menghasilkan terikan dan menyebabkan perubahan panjang gelombang *Bragg*. Kajian yang ringkas telah dijalankan ke atas plat aluminium dan menunjukkan sistem pengesan terikan yang dicadangkan berupaya mungukur terikan. Panduan umum mengenai pemprosesan dan pemasangan gentian optik parutan *Bragg* telah dicadangkan untuk penggunaan dalam keadaan tempatan.